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ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

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ANNUAL REPORT OF RESEARCH FACILITY

(TYPE OR PRINT)

2. HEADQUARTERS RESEARCH FACILITY (Name and Address, as registered with USDA, include Zip Code)

SOUTHERN RESEARCH INSTITUTE
2000 NINTH AVENUE SOUTH
P.O. BOX 55305
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35255

3. REPORTING FACILITY (List all locations where animals were housed or used in actual research, testing, teaching, or experimentation, or held for these purposes. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

FACILITY LOCATIONS(sites)

(b)(2)High, (b)(7)(F)

REPORT OF ANIMALS USED BY OR UNDER CONTROL OF RESEARCH FACILITY (Attach additional sheets if necessary or use APHIS FORM 7023A)

A. Animals Covered By The Animal Welfare Regulations	B. Number of animals being bred, conditioned, or held for use in teaching, testing, experiments, research, or surgery but not yet used for such purposes.	C. Number of animals upon which teaching, research, experiments, or tests were conducted involving no pain, distress, or use of pain-relieving drugs.	D. Number of animals upon which experiments, teaching, research, surgery, or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs were used.	E. Number of animals upon which teaching, experiments, research, surgery or tests were conducted involving accompanying pain or distress to the animals and for which the use of appropriate anesthetic, analgesic, or tranquilizing drugs would have adversely affected the procedures, results, or interpretation of the teaching, research, experiments, surgery, or tests. (An explanation of the procedures producing pain or distress in these animals and the reasons such drugs were not used must be attached to this report)	F. TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS (Cols. C + D + E)
4. Dogs		80	251		331
5. Cats					
6. Guinea Pigs		110	94	36	240
7. Hamsters		68	84		152
8. Rabbits		274	412		686
9. Non-Human Primates		359	136		495
10. Sheep					
11. Pigs					
12. Other Farm Animals					
13. Other Animals					
Ferrets		133	426		559
Cotton Rats		55	370		425

ASSURANCE STATEMENTS

- 1) Professionally acceptable standards governing the care, treatment, and use of animals, including appropriate use of anesthetic, analgesic, and tranquilizing drugs, prior to, during, and following actual research, teaching, testing, surgery, or experimentation were followed by this research facility.
- 2) Each principal investigator has considered alternatives to painful procedures.
- 3) This facility is adhering to the standards and regulations under the Act, and it has required that exceptions to the standards and regulations be specified and explained by the principal investigator and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). A summary of all the exceptions is attached to this annual report. In addition to identifying the IACUC-approved exceptions, this summary includes a brief explanation of the exceptions, as well as the species and number of animals affected.
- 4) The attending veterinarian for this research facility has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

CERTIFICATION BY HEADQUARTERS RESEARCH FACILITY OFFICIAL

(Chief Executive Officer or Legally Responsible Institutional official)

I certify that the above is true, correct, and complete (7 U.S.C. Section 2143)

SIGNATURE OF C.E.O. OR INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL

NAME & TITLE OF C.E.O. OR INSTITUTIONAL OFFICIAL (Type or Print)

DATE SIGNED

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President and CEO

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APHIS Form 7023 Column E Explanation

This form is intended as an aid to completing the APHIS Form 7023 Column E explanation. It is not an official form and its use is voluntary. Names, addresses, protocols, veterinary care programs, and the like, are not required as part of an explanation. A Column E explanation must be written so as to be understood by lay persons as well as scientists.

1. Registration Number: 64-R-0001

2/3. Species (common name) & Number of animals used in this study:

Guinea Pigs (36)

4. Explain the procedure producing pain and/or distress.

Two of our study protocols performed in the Frederick BSL-3 were vaccine trials for Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE) performed in guinea pigs. The studies tested the potency of novel VEE Vaccines as required for IND purposes. 36 Guinea pigs died from exposure to the virus before measures could be provided to ameliorate the progress of the disease. The virulent nature of the virus and the necessity to allow the disease to progress to an end-stage clinical situation for vaccine efficacy justified in the Animal Care and Use Protocols.

5. Provide scientific justification why pain and/or distress could not be relieved. State methods or means used to determine that pain and/or distress relief would interfere with test results. (For Federally mandated testing, see Item 6 below)

The design of the study was to determine the lethal dose of virus. While euthanasia was used when it was determined that the animals were moribund, the endpoint produced by a lethal dose of the virus was not easily discernible before sudden death occurred.

6. What, if any, federal regulations require this procedure? Cite the agency, the code of Federal Regulations (CFR) title number and the specific section number (e.g., APHIS, 9 CFR 113.102):

Agency:

CFR: